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the ambient air cools the nearby devices more efficiently than in a system not employing the present invention. For example, Fig. 5 shows fuses 12 nearby the power converter 44. Improving the cooling of the nearby devices may increase their service life and operating performance, and may provide other benefits. These benefits may be particularly valuable when the fuses 12 and other electrical devices are encased in a cabinet or other housing having relatively restricted airflow.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth below. The claims are in "clean form" per 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Applicant has also included the Appendix in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, showing the additions and deletions, which are indicated by strikethrough, to the amended claims.

Claims 2 and 24 have been rewritten as follows:

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2. (Once amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of the one or more electrical protective devices is a fuse array comprising two or more fuses.

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24. (Once amended) The method of claim 23, wherein at least one of the one or more electrical protective devices is a fuse array comprising two or more fuses.

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 2 and 24 are amended. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested. No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

I. THE DRAWINGS

The Office Action objects to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) and asserts that the